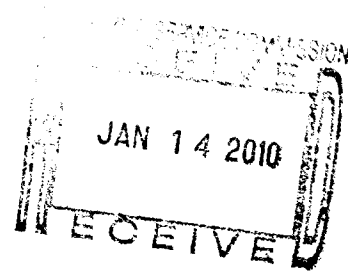




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January 11, 2010

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed are responses to the eight items listed in Order No. 90-23 in Docket No. 89-483-E that granted Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (formerly CP&L) authority to issue and sell additional securities in conjunction with the Company's Leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). These responses are based on our experience as of September 30, 2009.

Please return a stamped copy of the cover letter accompanying this report in the enclosed envelope. If additional information is required, please contact me at 919-546-2559.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Scott Foster'.

M. Scott Foster
Manager – Regulatory & Property Accounting - PEC

Enclosures

c: Mr. John Flitter
c: Dr. James Spearman

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Request: Identify in dollar value any impact that the leveraged ESOP had on the capital structure of the Company (debt, equity) during the quarter (reflects quarterly changes).

Response: See Item 1, Page 2.

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IMPACT OF LEVERAGED ESOP ON CAPITAL STRUCTURE
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2009
In Thousands of Dollars

	Balance <u>6/30/2009</u>	Leveraged ESOP <u>Activity</u>	Other <u>Activity</u>	Balance <u>September 30, 2009</u>
Common Stock	2,099,116	332	3,663	\$ 2,103,111
Retained Earnings	2,267,031	1,219	203,981	2,472,231
Common Stock Equity	<u>4,366,147</u>	<u>1,551</u>	<u>207,644</u>	<u>4,575,342</u>
Bonds	3,193,725	(4,564) *	4,564	3,193,725
Advances from Associated Companies	-	-	-	-
Other Long-Term Debt	500,000	-	-	500,000
Unamortized Premium & Discount	(6,780)	-	187	(6,593)
Preferred Stock	<u>59,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,334</u>
Total Capital	<u>\$ 8,112,426</u>	<u>\$ (3,013)</u>	<u>\$ 212,395</u>	<u>\$ 8,321,808</u>

* Debt related to ESOP is not specifically identifiable, but is classified based on the amount of the Note Receivable from the ESOP Trust. The amount asterisked represents a reclassification between ESOP-related debt and non-ESOP-related debt.

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Request: Identify the dollar value of the capital structure of the Company
a) showing the existing capital structure with the impact of the
leveraged ESOP, and b) the capital structure that would have
existed without the leveraged ESOP.

Response: See Item 2, Page 2.

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IMPACT OF LEVERAGED ESOP ON CAPITAL STRUCTURE
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2009
In Thousands of Dollars

	With Leveraged ESOP	Without Leveraged ESOP
Common Stock	2,103,111	1,875,923
Retained Earnings	2,472,231	2,435,020
Common Stock Equity	<u>\$ 4,575,342</u>	<u>\$ 4,310,943</u>
Bonds	3,193,725	3,171,476
Advances from Associated Companies	-	-
Other Long-Term Debt	500,000	500,000
Unamortized Premium & Discount	(6,593)	(6,593)
Preferred Stock	59,334	59,334
Total Capital	<u><u>\$ 8,321,808</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,035,160</u></u>

Request: Identify any dollar savings resulting from the leveraged ESOP over the plan previously utilized by the Company.

Response: The dollar impacts resulting from the leveraged ESOP for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

Reflected in the Income Statement...	4,572*
Direct Balance Sheet impacts	<u>322</u>
Total - net positive impact	\$ 4,894

*Includes tax savings for dividend deduction at Holding Company. See Item 8. These tax effects are included in this schedule in order to represent all ESOP effects.

Item: **Provide a general description of the use of any savings realized by the Company from the leveraged ESOP.**

Response: Savings will be used for: ongoing construction and maintenance program; to refund maturing First Mortgage Bonds or preferred stock; to refund First Mortgage Bonds, other long-term indebtedness or preferred stock called for redemption; and for other general corporate purposes.

Item: **Provide information concerning any changes in the bond rating of CP&L attributable to the changes resulting from the leveraged ESOP.**

Response: No changes to CP&L's bond ratings have occurred or are anticipated as a result of the leveraged ESOP transaction.

Request: Identify the contributions by the Company to the leveraged ESOP.

Response: During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company made a contribution of \$4,634,326 to the leveraged ESOP trust.

Request: Identify the tax effects of the Company's contributions to the leveraged ESOP.

Response: During the quarter ended September 30, 2009, the Company recorded \$1,526,750 reduction in tax expense, which is reflected in Item 3. In addition there was \$290,161 tax savings related to capitalized cost that will be recognized over time and is reflected in Item 3.

Request: Identify the tax effects of the dividends under the leveraged ESOP.

Response: For the quarter ended September 30, 2009, \$3,353,881 in tax savings was recorded associated with the dividends on shares held by the leveraged ESOP. Effective with the August 1, 2000 dividend, this tax deduction is taken by the Holding Company. The tax effect is included in this schedule in order to represent all ESOP effects. As required by current accounting standards, all of the tax savings was recorded to income tax expense. The tax savings are included in the response to Item 3.